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PLYMOUTH ROCKS, BRAHMAS, AND
WYANDOTTES.

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The reason that Plymouth Rocks and Bra-
mahs hold the reputation that they do—and
are being bred so extensively by people all
over the United States—and also why the
Wyandotte fowls have become so popular
in so short a length of time, and have been
placed before the minds of the public so forc-
ibly, is that when poultry is kept for profit
there are more dollars and cents to be made
from these birds than from any other kind of

others with the exception of a cross between two other breeds, which is

First—Let me say that the first thing to be thought of is to keep the breeds of poultry that will lay eggs that are best suited for the market to which they are sent or sold.

Second—The flesh and color of the legs of the fowl is the next thing of importance, so that when dressed for the market they will command the highest prices.

Third—A good medium weight fowl, that is not too clumsy or too fine.

Fourth—Look out and get a breed that are good fair layers, and prefer to shell out

The color of the shell, as well as the size of the egg, is looked for by dealers in eggs, and it is rather peculiar or funny that the New York people want an egg with a white or light straw colored shell, but the New England people want an egg with the color of the shell just the reverse, or a dark chocolate brown, and the darker the better; so that where one breed of fowl is adapted to the wants of the

at advantage, another breed is required for New England.

Wyandottes.

The New York market is a great shipping point for eggs and dressed poultry from all over the West, also the South, and the local cities and towns in the vicinity of New York City; and it is natural that the breed of fowl that can fill all these requirements is the one that is the most sought for by people all over the country who ship their eggs to New York. What has made Wyandottes become so popular, but

is that they fill the bill, for both eggs and
used poultry, better than any other kind.

The reason why the Wyandottes are the best breed of fowl for the New York market for the production of eggs and dressed poultry and for the breeders of parties that devote their time to the care and management of fowls, is that they can obtain larger returns from them than from any other breed of fowl for the following reasons:

st.—The eggs are of good, medium size, though not as large as from some of the lighter or heavier breeds.

from the Leghorn or smaller breeds; but they are of such a size and shade that they will command an A No. 1 price, and they will be better advantage than most other classes of eggs that are sent into the New York market, with the exception of the eggs from a few of the heavier breeds of fowls.

Second—Shade or Color of the Eggs Shells. The shade of the shell laid by the Wyandotte in most cases, is a handsome light straw color, and is a color that is the New York people to perfection, and is a color that is preferred and selected in most

ice to an egg with a milky white shell; eggs of the Wyandottes are in most uniform in size while with the

Third—Dressed Poultry. The skin of the fowl is a very good shade of yellow. There are fowls that the flesh has more of an orange shade than the Wyandotte, but for market purposes this is a general thing, they are first-class, as they are medium weight and the grain of the flesh is very fine.

When a fowl can combine all these benefits as the Wyandotte has, and is a fowl that has a fourth benefit for the breeder, and that is, they are good layers.

od points than either lighter or breeds, then that is the breed of sheep.

Why Leghorns a Popular breed do not begin to Compare with Wyandottes.

The Leghorns have but one benefit, and that is that they lay more eggs; but the eggs are so much smaller and of inferior quality that the Wyandotte eggs are worth one or two cents per dozen more, and in some cases more than that; so the extra prices you receive from Wyandotte eggs will nearly if not wholly set the extra amount or number of eggs that would be gotten from the Leghorns.

Leghorns lay a small white egg.

probably soon come when eggs will
weight,) and it has almost got to

Leghorns are so light that they are almost unfit for market purposes, and parties that press poultry do not as a general thing like to buy them.

People that breed Leghorns say the extra number of eggs they receive from them offsets the lightness in weight of the fowl when ready to sell for market purposes. But Leghorns are a tender breed compared to Wyandottes, and the Leghorns are poor winter layers, but good summer layers. But W-

more regular, and do not lay quite
t lay as well in the Winter as
Summer.

hens should receive every benefit that poultry belongs to them, for they are truly noble and magnificent fowl, and stand fourth among all the many breeds that occupy the attention of the poultry keepers and farmers of the present day.

They make an elegant exhibition fowl, and an ornamental fowl, which gives a pleasure in showing to his many friends. They are excellent for laying (if the eggs for sale are not the object sought for), and they can get or live in a neighborhood where you can get as much for one egg as for ten of the common breeds.

mother, or you receive groceries
; and they are also excellent
when a fancy colored egg is not

heavy weight Cochins that lay (light red eggs) have never been able to properly do as many eggs as the Wyandotte, and this, but the flesh or meat is coarser and not so fine grained, with the exception of the Plymouth Rock and Brahmas. New York has never had a fowl that would do every requirement as well as the Wyandotte is going to, and in fact have never had one that could lay as many eggs, (of the same size combined, that the Wyandotte does) and that is why the Wyandotte is receiving the popularity it now enjoys.

as fowl for market purposes. Andotte must be the fowl for

introduce anything else that is introduced. Keep Wyandottes bred them to the standard of excellence, you will have the right breed of fowl for New York market.

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